

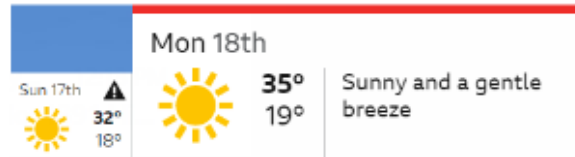


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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Extreme weather forecast

We write to warn you of **possible school closures on Monday 18th July and Tuesday 19th July**. This week has been very hot, and we are relieved to see the temperature drop by a couple of degrees for the remainder of this week. Temperatures in classrooms have already reached over 29°C this week, despite our best efforts to keep them cool. Unusually, because of the consistently hot and dry weather, the internal school temperature is approximately the same as outside or in a number of our classrooms up to 5°C higher.

As you may be aware, exceptionally high temperatures are forecast for Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th of July. If temperatures reach these heights, especially after a very hot weekend, it will not be possible to maintain a safe environment for our children. The classroom temperatures will go beyond uncomfortable and become a risk to children's health.

We have been liaising with Worcester Children First, our Pyramid of local schools, and we are watching the forecasts and classroom temperatures closely to make as informed a decision as possible.

At home children have the chance to cool down in a cold bath, have ice cold drinks and keep still. We cannot offer them this in school. If we need to close our schools on Monday or Tuesday we will not make this decision lightly, we understand it will have implications for you as parents. ***Please have alternative arrangements in place should we need to close.***

A Met Office 'Amber Warning' is in effect from Sunday through to Tuesday, stating that 'population-wide adverse health effects are likely to be experienced, not limited to those most vulnerable. Young children are particularly at risk.'

We certainly do not want to close, but the safety of our community is paramount. On Sunday, we will review the weather forecast and all the information we have. We aim to make our decision and inform parents by **4pm on Sunday**.

Many thanks in advance for your understanding and support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Alex Gromski and the Governing Body



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